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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN AND TREASURER
OF THE
TOWN OF BEDFORD.

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH, 1881.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Hugh R. Barnard, services as first select-	
man,	\$193 40
Rodney M. Rollins, services as 2d select-	
man,	141 25
Milton W. Spencer, services as 3d select-	
man,	54 00
Silas A. Riddle, services as town clerk,	50 00
John Hodgman, services as town treasurer,	40 00
Dr. D. P. Campbell, services as supt.	
school committee,	50 00
Silas A. Riddle, care of Town House,	20 00
John Hodgman, services as collector,	113 25
John Hodgman, services as supervisor,	
1880,	8 00
John Hodgman, services as moderator,	
1880,	5 00
Dr. D. P. Campbell, recording births and	
deaths,	3 00
George M. French, one chair for Town	
House,	1 00
John J. Bennett, labor on chimney,	10 15
Samuel Gardner, keeping travelers,	3 00
George F. Shepard, services as constable,	5 00
John B. Clarke, printing town report,	
1879 and 1880,	24 00
Temple & Farrington, invoice books and	
stationery,	32 97
J. W. Odlin, transcript of evidence in	
Scheer case,	30 90

E. G. Tolford, school-house tax, District No. 8,	100 00
M. W. Spencer, bounty paid on hawks,	32 00
H. R. Barnard, bounty paid on hawks and fox,	3 90
Isaac C. Cutler, land taken for highway purposes,	20 00
James Fullerton, school-house tax, District No. 6,	30 00
Hugh R. Barnard, bounty on hawks,	1 20
Quiney Barnard, discount on taxes,	119 00
George W. Goffe, one cord of wood for Town House,	5 00
Quiney Barnard, discount on taxes,	9 02
Dr. McQuestion, attendance at court in Scheer case,	25 00
Hugh R. Barnard, bounty paid on hawks,	3 90
Clough & Clark, legal services,	5 00
Horace Townsend, appropriation for soldier's graves,	5 00
John Hodgman, stationery and blanks,	2 47
John Hodgman, services as supervisor Nov. election,	8 00
John Hodgman, services as moderator, Nov. election,	5 00
Charles Beals, services as supervisor, March and Nov. elections,	8 00
George M. French, bounty paid on hawks and fox,	1 10
William Walker, use of watering trough,	3 00
D. P. Campbell, reporting births and deaths, 1889 and 1881,	4 00
James Curtis, sheep killed by dogs,	5 00
Quiney Barnard, percentage on taxes,	13 53
Hugh R. French, services as supervisor,	8 00
Harry A. Shepard, lettering guide boards,	16 75
	----- \$1218 79

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Clinton P. Hodgman, labor on highway,	\$3 00
Asa Carley, use of field as highway,	1 50
George F. Barnard, labor on highway,	8 50
Elbridge G. Tolford, labor on Tolford road,	6 00
Joseph Q. Conrey, labor on highway, 1879 and 1880,	5 63
M. W. Spencer, labor on Tolford road,	11 05
Harry A. Shepard, labor on highway,	17 85
David R. Barnard, labor on highway,	21 00
Quincy Barnard, labor on highway,	210 63
Asa Carley, labor on highway,	3 24
Clinton B. Hartshorn, non-residence tax worked,	10 49
Clinton B. Hartshorn, labor on highway,	3 34
George M. French, plank for bridge,	1 00
John Hodgman highway tax worked,	177 92
J. K. McQuestion, for gravel,	2 76
Bradford Beal, labor on highway,	7 70
S. C. Damon, plank for bridge,	3 80
Edward Plumer, labor on highway,	3 26
Walter Gage, labor on highway,	14 30
Willard C. Parker, building D. Parker bridge,	13 75
Willard C. Parker, labor on highway,	5 00
Stephen Goffe, labor on highway,	7 25
Stephen Goffe, breaking roads,	12 00
George A. King, breaking roads,	9 40
Charles H. Gage, breaking roads,	18 25
Charles H. Gage, labor on highway, 1880,	10 50
Harry A. Shepard, labor on highway,	24 61
Quincy Barnard, highway tax worked out,	1140 53
	----- \$1754 26

NEW HIGHWAY.

William Dolan, land damage on Parker, road,	50 00
Samuel E. Morrison, land damage on Parker road,	15 00
Frederick F. French, land damage on Parker road,	125 00
R. K. & G. Heselton, land damage on Parker road,	450 00
Horace Holbrook, building highway,	442 15
John B. Clarke, advertising sale of highway,	3 75
Hutchins, Riedell and Co., advertising sale of highway,	2 75
H. E. Burnham, cost on Parker road,	141 83
	———— \$1230 48

ABATEMENTS.

Isaac Cutler, 1877 and 1878, poll tax,	\$2 25
Daniel Butterfield, on real estate,	19 50
Nathaniel Flint, poll tax,	1 30
William F. Coda, real estate,	4 24
James T. Heselton, dog tax,	1 00
William F. Anderson, poll tax, 1879,	71
George H. Hill, poll tax, 1879,	60
Frank Harvell,	2 60
William A. Messier, poll tax,	60
George H. Putney,	2 06
Lawrence Taffe, poll tax,	60
Richard Voight,	2 80
Frank P. Wiggin,	60
George S. Campbell,	2 00
Nathan C. Coda,	60
William Coda,	1 80
Harvey P. Campbell, tax, 1878,	80
George H. Hill, tax, 1878,	80

William A. Messier, tax, 1878,	80
Lawrencee Taffe, tax, 1878,	80
Orren P. Frashauer, tax, 1878,	3 96
John M. C. Hill, tax, 1878,	1 17
Sewall Stratton, tax, 1878,	1 27
Joshua Willis, tax, 1880,	1 64
William Moor, Exec. tax, 1880,	11 70
	—————
	\$56 20

SUPPORT OF COUNTY POOR.

John Hodgman, support of Robert Campbell,	\$60 40
John Hodgman, support of Nelson Regnon,	20 00
	—————
	\$80 40

PROPORTION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1,	\$299 36
District No. 2,	140 27
District No. 3,	85 55,
District No. 4,	193 20
District No. 5,	103 07
District No. 6,	155 91
District No. 7,	133 42
District No. 8,	114 50
District No. 9,	94 25
District No. 10,	33 11
District No. 11,	68 04
	—————
	\$1420 68

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HUGII R. BARNARD,
MILTON W. SPENCER,
GEORGE M. FRENCH,

Selectmen of Bedford.

Bedford, March 1st, 1880.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Bedford, in account with John Hodgman, treasurer:

Dr.	
By cash on hand March 1st, 1880,	\$175 02
Received of John Hodgman, collector, 1879,	653 32
Received of John Hodgman, taxes not on his list for the year 1879,	20 79
Received interest on taxes, 1879,	11 27
Received of the selectmen, town notes,	1500 00
Received of Quiney Barnard, collector, 1880,	6017 69
Received of the State, railroad tax,	116 86
Received of the State, Savings Bank tax,	1494 58
Received of the State, Literary Fund,	97 31
Received of S. A. Riddle, graveyard lots,	77 90
Received of S. A. Riddle, use of Town Hall,	22 00
Received of the selectmen, from county,	80 46
	<hr/> — — \$10,267 00
Cr.	
By cash paid county tax,	1441 82
Paid school money in full,	1420 68
Paid State tax,	1512 09

Paid town note, No. 1,	1000 00
Paid interest on town note, No. 1.	48 47
Paid town orders drawn current year 1880,	4321 09
On hand March 1st, 1881,	523 14
	————— \$10,267 20

STANDING OF THE TOWN FINANCIALLY, MARCH,
1st, 1881.

LIABILITIES.

Town note, No. 2,	\$500 00
Interest on town note No. 2,	22 92
Estimated outstanding debts of the town including town officers salaries,	1300 00
	————— \$1822 92

ASSETS.

Due from collector 1880,	1880 75
Cash on hand March, 1881,	524 14
Deduct estimated liabilities,	—————
Balance in favor of the town, March 1st, 1881,	\$581 97

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN HODGMAN,
Town Treasurer.

Bedford, March 1st, 1881.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Bedford:

In presenting to you the annual report of the schools under my care I must state that, although they have not been in all respects just what I would have liked to have had them, yet a good degree of progress has been made in the most of them. The teachers as a class have labored faithfully, and for the good of the pupils.

In one or two districts where young teachers have been employed, difficulties have arisen which have proved injurious to the schools, and for which the teachers, perhaps, were partially in fault, yet, as we generally find it the case, the trouble in a great measure could be traced back to lack of judgment on the part of the parents, and others outside of the schools who had little or no interest in their welfare.

Parents have no right to condemn a teacher before they have visited the school, and satisfied themselves by personal observation, that the complaints entered have some foundation in fact.

I have an earnest sympathy with every young and inexperienced teacher, for I have *traveled that road myself*.

Young teachers often lack wisdom, judgment and discretion. They often lack sympathy on the part of those who ought to feel most deeply interested in the welfare of the school.

It is very easy to throw obstacles in the way of success; it is equally easy to give a word of encouragement or caution; and who can estimate the amount of good that may be secured therefrom, or of evil that may be avoided, by the utterance of such a word at the right time.

The teacher employed for the winter term in District No. 9 refusing to conform to the rules lawfully prescribed for her,

was accordingly dismissed. Again the fault lies with the parents. There are many disadvantages arising from the various kinds of text-books used. In one school I found three different arithmetics, in another three different histories. This is a great wrong.

During the year I have thought best to change the readers in order to create, if possible, a greater interest among the pupils in that branch of study. The improvement in reading in many of the schools convinced your Superintendent of the wisdom of her course.

The third terms of the schools in Districts Nos. 1 and 6 being in session, I shall be unable to make any report of them.

To those parents and teachers, who with heartfelt co-operation have, under all circumstances seconded my efforts for the welfare of the young, I express my grateful thanks.

Desirous that all may be done that can be for the improvement of our common schools, I remain yours in the cause of education.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Teacher.—First, second and third terms, Miriam B. Gilmore, Bedford, N. H.

	1st T.	2d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	12	12
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more	19	19
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	13	13
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more	32	32
Whole number of pupils under five years of age	0	0
Whole number of pupils over fifteen years of age	0	0
Whole number between five and fifteen	32	32
Number of visits by Superintendent	3	2
Number of visits by prudential committee	1	0
Number of visits by parents and citizens	43	11
Wages of teacher per month	\$28	\$28

Roll of Honor.—First term, Alice M. Stevens, Louise Sheer, Lizzie E. French, Nellie A. Cassin, Annie M. Farley, Gracie N. Farley, Myra A. French, Bertha E. Parkhurst, Bertie C. Parker, Willie G. McDole, Charles Parkhurst; Jennie C. Shepard, absent only $\frac{1}{2}$ day; Annie McAfee, absent two days in eleven weeks; Eddie L. Farley, absent two days. Burton L. Farley, absent only one day and a half; Ervin R. French, absent two and one-half days; Wesley and Eddie Seavey, present nearly every day. Second term.—Nellie A. Cassin, Lizzie E. French, Annie L. McAfee, Bertha E. Parkhurst, Alice M. Stevens, Jennie L. Shepard, Louise Scheer, Frank H. Barnard, Edgar L. Farley, Freddie Fifield, Herbert Foster, George C. Goffe, Louis C. Goffe, Willie G. McDole, Albert C. Parker, John H. Stevens, E. Charles Seavey, Charles R. Parkhurst.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Teachers.—First term, Miss Fannie L. Perry, Bedford, N. H.
Second term, Miss Etta L. Mace, Bedford, N. H.

	1st T.	2nd T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each,	10	11
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more,	12	16
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more,	14	13
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more,	26	29
Number of pupils under five years of age,	0	0
Number of pupils over fifteen years of age,	0	7
Number of pupils between five and fifteen,	26	22
Number of visits by Superintendent,	2	2
Number of visits by prudential committee,	0	0
Number of visits by parents and citizens,	17	28
Wages of teacher per month	\$22	\$20

Roll of Honor.—First term, Nettie Jenkins, Edna Raney, Mary Blood, Frank Raney, Ernest Jenkins, Henry Blood.
Second term.—Mary Blood, Frank Parker.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Teachers.—First term, Miss Linna J. Nutt, Manchester, N. H. Second term, Miss Addie L. Flanders, Boslawen, N. H.

	1st T.	2d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	7	10
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more	7	7
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	9	10
Whole number of pupils attending two weeks or more	16	17
Whole number of pupils under five years of age	1	1
Whole number of pupils over fifteen years of age	0	0
Whole number of pupils between five and fifteen years of age	15	16
Higher branches, vocal music	0	17
Number of visits by Superintendent	2	2
Number of visits by prudential committee	0	2
Number of visits by parents and citizens	5	11
Wages of teacher per month	\$18	\$20

Roll of Honor.—First term, Minnie W. Darrah, Minnie E. Fogg. Second term, Frankie S. Fogg.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Teachers.—First term, Miss Etta F. Moulton. Second and third terms, Miss Emma S. Sanborn, Manchester, N. H.

	1st T.	2nd T.	3d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each,	10	10	9
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more,	8	7	9
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more,	6	5	7
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more,	14	12	16
Whole number of pupils under five years of age,	0	1	0

Whole number over fifteen years of age,	1	0	1
Whole number between five and fifteen,	13	11	15
Higher branches—Algebra	1	0	0
Physical geography.	1	0	0
Number visits by Superintendent,	2	3	2
Number visits by prudential committee,	0	1	2
Number of visits by parents and citizens,	21	6	11
Wages of teacher per month,	\$24	\$24	\$24

DISTRICT No. 5.

Teachers.—First term, Miss Mary E. Manning. Second term, Miss Eunice Stevens.

	1st T.	2d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	8	12
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more	6	7
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	9	9
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more	15	16
Whole number of pupils under five years of age	0	1
Whole number of pupils over fifteen years of age	4	4
Whole number of pupils between five and fifteen years of age	11	11
Higher branches—Algebra	2	2
Book-keeping	1	1
Physiology	1	0
English composition	0	1
Number of visits of Superintendent	2	2
Number of visits of prudential committee	0	0
Number of visits of parents and citizens	18	16
Wages of teacher per month	\$20	\$20

Roll of Honor.—First term, Ella Hodgman, Hannah Murphy, Willie Young, tardy once. Second term, Ella L. S. Hodgman, Carrie E. Patten, Annie M. Patten, Clara M. Gault.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Teachers.—First and second term, Miss Amanda M. McDougal, Goffstown, N. H. Third term, Miss E. Maria Dickey, Manchester, N. H.

	1st T.	2nd T.	3d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each,	10	9	
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more,	4	13	
Whole number different girls attending two weeks or more,	7	6	
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more,	11	19	
Whole number of pupils under five years of age,	1	2	
Whole number of pupils over fifteen years of age,	2	2	
Whole number of pupils between five and fifteen,	8	15	
Higher branches.—Physiology,	1	0	
Number of visits by Superintendent,	2	1	
Number of visits by prudential committee,	1	1	
Number of visits by parents and citizens,	12	3	
Wages of teacher per month,	\$20	\$22	

Roll of Honor.—First term, Nellie Kean. Second term, Nellie Kean.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Teacher.—First and second terms, Miss Ida J. Speneer, Bedford, N. H.

	1st T.	2d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	9	12
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more	4	7
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	6	6
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more	10	13

Whole number of pupils under five years of age	0	0
Whole number of pupils over fifteen years of age	0	4
Whole number between five and fifteen years of age	10	9
Higher branches—Algebra	1	2
Number of visits by Superintendent.	2	1
Number of visits by prudential committee	0	1
Number of visits by parents and citizens	15	20
Wages of teacher per month.	\$20	\$28

Roll of Honor—First term, Susie Wetherspoon. Second term, Gilman McAlister.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Teacher.—First and second terms, Miss E. Maria Dickey.	1st T.	2d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	8	11
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more	6	9
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	9	13
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more	15	22
Whole number pupils under five years of age	0	0
Whole number of pupils over fifteen years of age	1	6
Whole number pupils between five and fifteen years of age	14	16
Higher branches—Drawing	2	1
Algebra and physiology	0	1
Number of visits by Superintendent	2	1
Number of visits by prudential committee	1	1
Number of visits by parents and citizens	19	14
Wages of teacher per month	\$22	\$24

Roll of Honor—First term, Jennie M. Tolford, Edith Richards, Josie Richards, H. Aurilla Richards, Gertie Mudge, Carrie E. Rand. Second term, Arthur Holbrook, Edith Richards.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Teachers.—First term, Miss Juliette A. Eastman, Seuth Weare, N. H. Second term—Miss Fannie L. Perry, Bedford, N. H.

	1st T.	2nd T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each,	9	8
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more,	9	9
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more,	20	20
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more,	29	29
Whole number of pupils under five years of age,	1	2
Whole number of pupils over fifteen yrs. of age,	0	1
Whole number between five and fifteen,	28	26
Number of visits by Superintendent,	3	3
Number of visits by prudential committee,	0	1
Number of visits by parents and citizens,	23	11
Higher branches,—Algebra,	1	1
Wages of teacher per month,	\$20	\$22

Roll of Honor.—First term, Fannie P. Bixby, Hattie C. Shepard, Julia L. Manning, Mertie Peaslee, Lena N. Parker, Minnie E. Parker, Maigie A. Manning, Lottie Perry, Jesse C. Parker, Gowen Parker. Second term.—Minnie Fulton, Jesse Parker, Minnie Parker, Lena Parker, Gowen Parker, Charlie Fulton.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Teachers.—First term, Miss Hattie J. Parkhurst, Bedford, N. H. Second term, Miss L. Annie Wilkins, Merrimack, N. H.

	1st T.	2d T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each	9	8
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more	3	3
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more	4	5
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more	7	8

Whole number pupils under five years of age	0	0
Number of pupils over fifteen years of age	0	1
Number of pupils between five and fifteen years of age	7	7
Higher branches—Algebra	0	1
Book-keeping	0	1
Philosophy	0	1
History of England	0	1
Number of visits by Superintendent	2	2
Number of visits by prudential committee	0	0
Number visits by parents and citizens	5	2
Wages of teacher per month	\$20	\$20

Roll of Honor.—First term, Francis B. Weishaupt. Second term, Carrie E. Parkhurst, Addie L. Gage, Mary E. Weishaupt, Francis B. Weishaupt, Rosa S. Chapman, Charley Conrey.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Teachers.—First term, Miss Eunice Stevens, Bedford, N. H.
Second term, Miss Lucia Stiles, Mont Vernon, N. H.

	1st T.	2nd T.
Length of school in weeks of five days each,	7	9
Whole number of different boys attending two weeks or more,	7	8
Whole number of different girls attending two weeks or more,	9	9
Whole number of different pupils attending two weeks or more,	16	17
Whole number of pupils under five years of age,	0	0
Whole number of pupils over fifteen yrs. of age,	1	3
Whole number between five and fifteen,	15	14
Number of visits by Superintendent,	2	1
Number of visits by prudential committee,	0	0
Number of visits by parents and citizens,	10	0
Wages of teacher per month,	\$14	\$16

Roll of Honor.—First term, Clara C. Nichols, Laura M. Nichols, Jennie C. Nichols, Mary B. Nichols, Bertha M. Gault, Grace M. Peaslee, Bennie W. Nichols.

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Superintendent of the Schools of Bedford.

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